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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6346

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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SUBJECT: GRENADE ATTACK ON SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE (SAP)

1. DECEMBER 1 AND 2 PRESS WAS DOMINATED BY REPORTS OF GRENADE ATTACK ON SAP VEHICLE IN SOUTH AFRICA NEAR THE BORDERS OF SWAZILAND AND MOZAMBIQUE. TWO CONSTABLES, ONE WHITE AND ONE BLACK, WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ATTACK. ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY FOUR BLACKS WHO POLICE HAD STOPPED FOR " ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY". DESPITE MASSIVE MANHUNT, ATTACKERS HAVE NOT BEEN APPREHENDED, AND ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE CROSSED BORDER INTO SWAZILAND OR MOZAMBIQUE. SAP DID FIND ABANDONED TRUNK CONTAINING RUSSIAN HAND GRENADES, AMMUNITION FOR AK-47 MACHINE CARBINES, TIMERS AND " OTHER TERRORIST WAR MATERIAL".

ATTACK IS BEING SUSPECTED AS FIRST SIGN OF GUERRILLA THRUST INTO SOUTH AFRICA. SAG OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE EXTERNAL AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OR PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK. JUSTICE MINISTER

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KRUGER HAS CALLED ON ALL FARMERS IN BORDER AREA TO GO

ON ALERT.
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